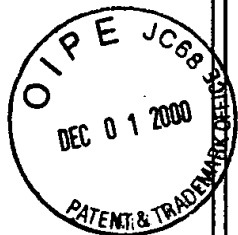


Attorney Docket :
33611 RK 002



#98/BM
12-8-00
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ljudmila Grigorievna ASLANOVA
Serial No. : 09/314,001 Art Unit : 1731
Filed : May 19, 1999 Examiner : J. Hoffman
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING BASALTIC FIBERS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 16, change "till" to -- by way of -- .

Pursuant to Rule §1.121(b)(1), please delete pages 7 and 8 as originally filed and
substitute therefor the replacement pages 7 - 8.1 which are enclosed herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that the replacement pages contain no new matter. The
replacement pages are accompanied by a marked-up copy of the original pages 7 and 8,
which are believed to properly show the matter being added and the matter being
deleted. Entry of the replacement pages 7 - 8.1 is respectfully requested.

RECEIVED
12-8-00
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM